WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1. A method comprising:

2   requesting a computer in a network to install a first application and execute the

3   first application;

4   transferring one or more files to the computer;

5   making modifications to the computer to install and execute the first application

6   on the computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprising

7   allocating a resource to the first application;

8   halting the first application on the computer;

9   reversing a portion of the modifications to the computer according to the recorded

10   modifications, reversing comprises deallocating the resource from the first application;

11   and

12   making modifications to the computer to install and execute a second application

13   on the available computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprise

14   allocating the resource to the second application.

1   2. The method of claim 1 wherein the modifications comprise setting a communications

2   port or saving the one or more files to a data storage device accessible to the computer.

1   3. The method of claim 1 wherein the first application has a type and if at least one other

2   application running on the computer has a type that is identical to the second

3   application's type, the portion does not comprise modifications required to install and

4   execute applications having the type.

1   4. A network comprising:

2   a first computer configured to execute a first application manager that manages a

3   first application; and

4   a second computer configured to execute a service, wherein the service, upon

5   request from the first application manager, installs and executes a first application by

6   making modifications to the second computer to install and execute the first application

7   on the second computer while recording the modifications, the modifications comprise

8   allocating a resource to the first application manager.

1   5. The network of claim 4 wherein the service, upon request from the first application

2   manager, is configured to execute the following:

3   halts the first application on the second computer;

4   reverses a portion of the modifications to the second computer according to the

5   recorded modifications, reversing comprises deallocating the resource from the first

6   application manager; and

7   makes modifications to the second computer to install and execute a second

8   application on the second computer while recording the modifications, the modifications

9   comprise allocating the resource to a second application manager.

1   6. The network of claim 5 wherein the modifications comprise setting a communications

2   port or saving the one or more files to a data storage device accessible to the second

3   computer.

1   7. The network of claim 5 wherein the first application has a type and if at least one other

2   application running on the second computer has a type that is identical to the second

3   application's type, the portion does not comprise modifications required to install and

4   execute applications having the type.